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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Application No.: 09/741,332

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR PURIFYING POLLUTED
SOIL, AND APPARATUS FOR
EMITTING CHLORINE-
CONTAINING GAS AND
APPARATUS FOR
DECOMPOSING POLLUTED
GAS USING THE SAME

Examiner: E. Wong

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents may be found, inter alia, in the specification where they are cited and/or in the English abstracts attached thereto. In that regard, JP 5-192648 corresponds to JP 4-215708, which is cited in the specification at page 1, line 27. Also, the concise explanation of relevance for JP 5-192648 and JP 7-51675 may be found in the corresponding U.S. Patent Nos. 5,405,579 and 5,578,193.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
09/451,443	11/30/99	1711
09/458,685	12/10/99	1711
09/685,740	10/11/00	1711

A copy of each cited Application is enclosed.


CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

We also enclose a check for the required fee of \$180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2).

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